

**MINUTES OF THE  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

February 9, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT:                   Rep. Carl R. Saunders, Chair  
  Rep. Rebecca Lockhart, Vice Chair  
  Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
  Rep. Trisha S. Beck  
  Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson  
  Rep. Wayne A. Harper  
  Rep. Bryan D. Holladay  
  Rep. Patricia W. Jones  
  Rep. David Litvack  
  Rep. Paul Ray  
  Rep. Mike Thompson  
  Rep. Glenn L. Way

STAFF PRESENT:                   Mark Andrews, Research Analyst  
  Betty M. Bushman, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:                   (List of visitors on file)

Chair Saunders called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

MOTION: Representative Ray moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2001 committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Harper, Holladay, Litvack, Thompson, and Way absent for the vote.

**H.B. 360 CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**  
  - Representative Scott Daniels

Representative Daniels explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Craig Barlow, Attorney General's Office, and distributed a handout.

MOTION: Representative Lockhart moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 8: Delete "**The act also requires that the**"
2. Page 1, Lines 9-10: Delete Lines 9-10
3. Page 1, Line 14: Delete Line 14
4. Page 3, Lines 62-74: Delete Lines 62-74

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Harper and Litvack absent for the vote.

Answering questions of committee members regarding the bill were Jack Tanner, Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network, and Stephen C. Jardine, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

Kathleen Sorensen, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Representative Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Harper and Litvack absent for the vote.

**H.B. 387                      NARROWING GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF A CHILD  
FROM THE HOME**

- Representative Matt Throckmorton

Representative Throckmorton introduced the bill to the committee and proposed amendments.

MOTION: Representative Thompson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 27: After "include" insert "the actual conduct or threat of conduct which may result in any one of the following"
2. Page 2, Line 36: After "mental" delete "injury" and insert "harm" and after "means" insert ":(a)"
3. Page 2, Line 39: After "behavior" insert "or (b) parents engaging in, or threatening the child with conduct that causes or can reasonably be expected to cause the child emotional distress"

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Harper, Holladay, and Litvack absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative Way moved to amend the previous amendment of Representative Thompson as follows:

Page 1, Line 27: After "conduct or" insert "substantial" and after "may" insert "with a reasonable probability"

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Harper, Holladay, and Litvack absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative Lockhart moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 39: After "with" insert "unreasonable"

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Harper and Litvack absent for the vote.

Abel C. Ortiz, Child Welfare Projects Director - Division of Child and Family Services, answered questions concerning the bill.

Speaking in support of the bill were Kathleen Sorensen and Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum. Speaking to the bill were Dr. David Corwin, Primary Children's Medical Center; Dr. Katharine Deiss, American Academy of Pediatrics.

Katie Gregory, Utah Children, and Kristin Brewer, Guardian Ad Litem, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Ray moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Representatives Beck and Jones voting no. Representative Harper was absent for the vote.

**H.B. 170                      PRESCRIBING PSYCHIATRIC DRUGS OR MEDICATION**  
- Representative Matt Throckmorton

Representative Throckmorton introduced a substitute to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Thompson moved that 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute H.B. 170 replace H.B. 170. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Throckmorton explained the substitute bill to the committee

Speaking in opposition to the bill were O. Howard Ogilvie, Davis Behavioral Health, and Louis A. Moench, Utah Psychiatric Association.

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, and Rex Curtis Bush spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Representative Way moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably. The motion passed with Representatives Arent, Beck, Jones, and Saunders voting no.

MOTION: Representative Donnelson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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Representative Carl R. Saunders  
Committee Chair

